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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/879,510	BROWN ET AL.	
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	Niketa I. Patel	2182	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 April 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 4-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 4-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 June 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Invention I (claims 4-8) in the reply filed on 04/07/2005 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) The invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by East et al. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0061323 A1 (herein after referred to as "East".)

4. Referring to claim 4, East teaches a networked computer system comprising: (A) a server computer system that includes model configuration settings that specify desired configuration settings for a computer system [see paragraph 47 and figure 4,

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elements 210AB-B]; (B) a plurality of endpoint computer system coupled to the server computer system, each endpoint computer system including corresponding configuration settings [see paragraph 47 and figure 4, elements 200A-N]; (C) a system administration workstation [see paragraph 47 and figure 4, elements 202A-C] including a graphical user interface [see paragraphs 52, 81] for administration of the configuration settings of the plurality of endpoint computer systems, the graphical user interface including at least one display panel that allows a user to select the model configuration settings [see paragraphs 52, 57-59], that allows a user to select from the plurality of endpoint computer system for comparison with the model configuration settings [see paragraphs 52, 57-59, 8-10], that display difference between the selected endpoint computer system and the model configuration settings, that allows a user to select from the selected endpoint computer system for updating [see paragraphs 76, 52, 57-59, 8-10, 76], and that automatically updates the configuration settings of the endpoint computer systems selected for updating according to the model configuration settings [see paragraphs 52, 57-59, 8-10.]

5. **Referring to claim 5, East teaches the networked computer system wherein the server computer system further includes a configuration mapping mechanism that maps at least one**

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configuration settings for at least one computer system to the model configuration settings [see paragraphs 52, 57-59, 8-10.]

6. **Referring to claim 6,** East teaches the networked computer system wherein the configuration mapping mechanism maps at least one configuration settings in a first computer platform to at least one corresponding configuration setting in a second computer platform [see paragraphs 52, 57-59, 8-10.]

7. **Referring to claim 7,** East teaches the networked computer system wherein the at least one configuration setting for each endpoint computer system comprises system settings and customization settings [see paragraphs 50.]

8. **Referring to claim 8,** East teaches the networked computer system further comprising a computer program running on each computer system selected for updating, the computer program sending status of any requested update of configuration settings to the graphical user interface [see paragraph 78.]

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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The following documents have been made record of to further show the state of the art as it pertains to configuring and/or updating networked devices:

Moshir et al. U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0100036 A1

Reha et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,282,709 B1

Wilde et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,066,182

Chiles et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,567

Enns et al. U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2005/0018697 A1

Prager et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,838,918

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Niketa I. Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272 4156. The Examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

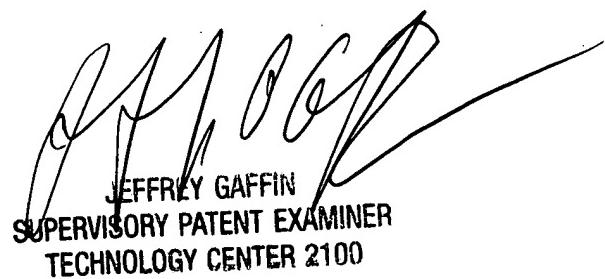
If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272 4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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